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WASHINGTON -- March 25, 1985 -- A total of 830 new freight cars were placed in service by the nation's railroads during February, up from the 528 delivered during the same month in 1984 but down from the 1,223 delivered in January, the Association of American Railroads and American Railway Car Institute reported today.

For the first two months of 1985, 2,053 new cars were placed in service, compared with 943 for the same period a year earlier.

Orders were placed for 650 new cars during February, up from the 403 ordered during January but down from the 1,523 ordered during February 1984. For the first two months of 1985, orders totaled 1,053 cars, down from 4,259 a year earlier.

As of March 1, the backlog of cars on order and undelivered totaled 3,954, compared with 4,134 on February 1 and 6,548 on March 1, 1984. The two-month average backlog this year is 4,044, compared with 6,099 a year ago.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 26 new and rebuilt locomotives were placed in service during February, compared with 23 during January and 33 during February 1984. As of March 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered was 237, compared with 252 on February 1 and 81 on March 1, 1984.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	February		January	Two Months	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	830	528	887	1,717	943
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	336	336	0
Built New - Total	830	528	1,223	2,053	943
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	830	528	1,223	2,053	943
Locomotives	26	33	23	49	48

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	650	1,523	403	1,053	4,259
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	0
To be built New - Total	650	1,523	403	1,053	4,259
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	650	1,523	403	1,053	4,259

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	March 1		February 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	3,884	6,548	4,064	3,974	6,099
To be built New in R.R. Shops	70	0	70	70	0
To be built New - Total	3,954	6,548	4,134	4,044	6,099
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	3,954	6,548	4,134	4,044	6,099
Locomotives	237	81	252	244	83

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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